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# VETERAN'S PREFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Section 13–1–22 NMSA 1978 Statutory Guidelines
- Effective January 1, 2013 Taxation and Revenue Department became responsible for (13–1–21 NMSA 1978) and issuing all preference certifications
- Veteran's Preference certification form now contained in all solicitations.
- Competitive sealed bid process allows use of preference.
- For preference to be considered, certification form is required to be included with vendor's proposal.
- Failure to supply preference data form with proposal will result in non application of preference to the evaluation process.



### VETERAN'S PREFERENCE Preference Application Protocol

# Sealed bids shall be evaluated by deeming a bid submitted by:

- Resident veteran contractor with annual revenues of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or less to be ten percent lower than the bid actually submitted
- Resident veteran contractor with annual revenues of more than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) but less than five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to be eight percent less than the bid actually submitted subject to the limitation provided in Subsection F of this section; and
- Resident veteran contractor with annual revenues of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) or more to be seven percent less than the bid actually submitted.





For RFP's to awarded based on a point-based system, the agency or public body shall award an additional of the equivalent of:

- Ten percent of the total possible points to a resident veteran contractor that has annual revenues of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or less;
- ▶ Eight percent of the total weight of all the factors used in evaluating the proposals to a resident veteran contractor that has annual revenues of more than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) but less than five million dollars (\$5,000,000) subject to the limitation provided in Subsection F of this section; and
- Seven percent of the total weight of all the factors used in evaluating the proposals to a resident veteran contractor that has annual revenues of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) or more.



- When a joint bid or joint proposal is submitted by a combination of resident veteran, resident or nonresident contractors, the preference provided pursuant to Subsection B, C or D of this section shall be calculated in proportion to the percentage of the contract, based on the dollar amount of the goods or services provided under the contract, that will be performed by each contractor as specified in the joint bid or joint proposal.
- The preference pursuant to Paragraphs (3) and (4) of Subsection B of this section, Paragraphs (3) and (4) of Subsection C of this section and Paragraphs (3) and (4) of Subsection D of this section shall be limited, in any calendar year, to an aggregate of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) in public works contracts by public bodies from all resident veteran contractors receiving preferences pursuant to the provisions of those paragraphs.



#### VETERAN'S PREFERENCE Additional Items of interest

- A public body shall not award a contractor both a resident contractor preference and a resident veteran contractor preference.
- The procedures provided in Sections 13-1-172 through 13-1-183 NMSA 1978 or in an applicable purchasing ordinance apply to a protest to a public body concerning the awarding of a contract in violation of this section.